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7 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
8 **DISTRICT OF GUAM**

9 **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

CRIMINAL CASE NO. CR08-00004

10 **Plaintiffs,**

11 **vs.**

**DEFENDANT JOSEPH
PANGELINAN'S RULE 29 MOTION
FOR JUDGMENT OF ACQUITTAL;
MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND
AUTHORITIES; CERTIFICATE OF
SERVICE**

12 **JOSEPH PANGELINAN, et al.,**

13 **Defendants.**
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15 COMES NOW the Defendant **JOSEPH PANGELINAN** ("PANGELINAN"),
16 through counsel MAHER • YANZA • FLYNN • TIMBLIN, LLP, by Louie J. Yanza, and
17 hereby moves this Honorable Court for a Judgment of Acquittal on the grounds that
18 there is insufficient evidence presented to sustain a conviction in this matter and the
19 Government has not been able to prove the substantive fraud counts. Counsel for
20 Defendant PANGELINAN states that this Motion for Judgment of Acquittal is joined by
21 all other Defendants herein, by and through their respective counsel of record.

22 This motion is made pursuant to Rule 29 of the Federal Rules of Criminal
23 Procedure and is based on the accompanying Memorandum of Points and
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1 Authorities, the record of the proceedings and papers on file herein, together with any
2 and all arguments to be adduced at the hearing of the within motion.

3 Dated this 27th day of June, 2008.

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10 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

11 **ARGUMENT**

12 **1. THERE IS INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO SUSTAIN A CONVICTION**
13 **ON COUNTS I THROUGH VI OF THE INDICTMENT.**

14 Rule 29 permits a defendant to request a motion for a judgment of acquittal:

15 **"Before Submission to the Jury.** After the government
16 closes its evidence or after the close of all the evidence, the
17 court on the defendant's motion must enter a judgment of
18 acquittal of any offense for which the evidence is insufficient to
19 sustain a conviction. The court may on its own consider
20 whether the evidence is insufficient to sustain a conviction. If
21 the court denies a motion for a judgment of acquittal at the
22 close of the government's evidence, the defendant may offer
23 evidence without having reserved the right to do."

24 Fed.Crim.Pro. Rule 29.

25 The Court considers whether, "after viewing the evidence in a light most
favorable to the prosecution, any rational juror or trier of fact could have found the
essential elements of the crime beyond a reasonable doubt." United States v.
Bautista-Avilla, 6 F.3d 1360, 1362 (9th Cir. 1993).

In Count I through VI of the Indictment, the Government has alleged that a
conspiracy existed between Lee, the indicted Examiners and others. The Government
must prove "the defendant's knowledge and voluntary participation in the agreement,

1 and overt act in furtherance of it." United States v. Ruiz, 105 F.3d 1492, 1499 (1st Cir.
2 1997). Further, the Government must prove the requisite *mens rea* for this type of
3 offense. 18 U.S.C. §1029(a)(1). The requisite state of mind for a violation of 18 U.S.C.
4 §1028(a)(1) is "knowingly", which applies to the additional elements of "without lawful
5 authority" and, "produces an identification document." The object of the alleged
6 conspiracy is the production of identification documents knowing that one is without
7 lawful authority to do so.

8 A rational juror can infer from circumstantial evidence that a defendant knew of
9 a conspiracy. United States v. Baxter, 492 F.2d. 150, 158-159 (9th Cir. 1973). But in
10 factual inferences, one cannot confuse:
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12 [s]imilar purposes of numerous separate adventures of like
13 character with a single purpose of one overall scheme. While
14 the individual defendants may have entered a **conspiracy** with
15 some of the other **indicted co-conspirators**, the Government
16 had the burden of connecting each defendant directly or
17 circumstantially with the larger over-all scheme.

18 Id. (citation omitted).

19 Here, the Government has not proven a conspiracy between the Examiners,
20 Lee and the licensees. The Government has not proven that the Examiners even
21 knew of the existence of any licensee conspiracy. And, there is no evidence that the
22 Examiners knew that Lee was part of a larger conspiracy. There is no evidence that
23 permits the inference that the Examiners knew that the licensees Lee brought over
24 were Lee's confederates. All that was proven was a conspiracy between Lee and the
25 licensees to obtain a driver's license. Moreover, the Government has not proven a
conspiracy between Lee and the Examiners. There has been no testimony presented

1 by FBI Agents, Blas, Salas, San Agustin, Prince, or the licensees, establishing a
2 conspiracy between the Examiners and Lee.

3 The object of the conspiracy has not been met. The only evidence the
4 Government has brought forth is that Lee has enriched herself by receiving money
5 from some licensees. However, there has been no evidence the Examiners received a
6 monetary reward or compensation from Lee. Both Agents Ferguson and Klocke
7 testified to this fact.

8 The manner and means of the conspiracy has not even been met. The
9 Government alleges that: "... every examiner knew that upon entry of this information,
10 the MVD computer would create a file under the applicant's name, using the SSN or
11 TIN on the application." Indictment, p. 2. The Government also alleges that: "The
12 examiner would enter the information on the alien's application into the MVD computer,
13 and schedule a date for a written examination." Indictment, p. 5. There is no evidence
14 that an Examiner, who accepted the application, was in fact the one who had entered
15 the application into the system. More importantly, the evidence shows that a person
16 using a User I.D. to input information into the MVD computer, may not have been the
17 person who was actually assigned the User I.D. The Government fails to establish that
18 the Examiner accepting the application was the actual Examiner imputing the
19 application into the MVD computer system. Agent Klocke has admitted this fact.

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21 **2. THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO PROVE THE**
22 **SUBSTANTIVE FRAUD COUNTS.**

23 The Government alleges in the substantive fraud counts contained in the
24 Indictment that an Examiner and Lee, "did knowingly and without lawful authority
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1 produce ... identification documents, authentication features and false identification
2 documents" to a Guam driver's license. Indictment.

3 Once again, the Government has failed to prove, beyond a reasonable doubt,
4 that the documents that were submitted to the individual Examiners were fraudulent.
5 There is no evidence to establish that the examiners knew that identification
6 documents or that Social Security Numbers or Taxpayer Identification Numbers that
7 were given with the license applications were in fact fraudulent.

8 Also, on paragraph 71 of the Indictment, the Government alleged that the
9 Defendant produced "an illegal duplicate driver's license in the name of Mark Park,
10 number 1228108937. . . ". The Government has not shown how Kwang Ho Park now
11 known as Mike Park was able to obtain a duplicate driver's license. Testimony and
12 evidence shows that Mike Park was able to legally procure a driver's license.
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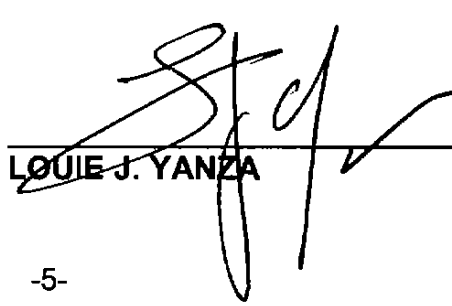
14 CONCLUSION

15 For all of the above-enumerated reasons, there is insufficient evidence to
16 sustain a conviction. The Government has not proven, beyond a reasonable doubt, or
17 submitted any evidence substantiating that a conspiracy existed or that the Examiners
18 knew that accepting the application was fraudulent.
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20 Respectfully submitted this 27th day of June, 2008.

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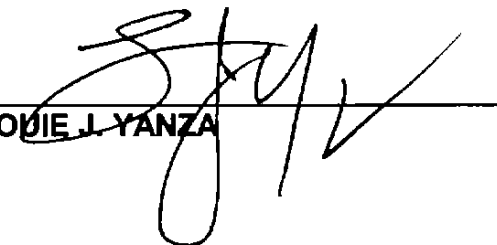
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